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Dear Mr. Goff,

Your letter of the 19th begins "Reference is made to your letter of April 12,1977."

You may make reference but you do not make response.

If I understand your letter correctly you are saying other than you and Tom Kelley told me about 1971 and other than I would expect. You are saying that you lack your own records on the assassination of a President, one who was assassinated when it was the Secret Service responsibility for keeping him alive. You are saying but for the greater case of the CIA your own records would not exist.

Despite the fact that to the best of my knowledge I am alone among those known as critics of the official explanation of this crime in having defended the Secret Service from charges made against it in the crime, with this record I am constrained to wonder how the President lived as long as he did.

As well as what kinds of records the Secret Service does keep. If you ever do not keep any you have on the assassination of a President is any President ever safe? ("The Secret Service does not maintain records in the same manner or length of time as other agencies.")

You do not deny as in fact you cannot deny that it now turns out that you and Tom Kelley deliberately deceived me in telling me that all the Secret Service records on the JFK case had been turned over to the Archives and would be available to me there. That I wanted all previously-withheld records is not a secret anywhere in government and was not from Secret Service.

It is difficult, with this record, to respond to you with equanimity when you add such further untruth as "The Secret Service has responded to all of your specific questions to this office as well as to those directed to Assistant Director Kelley. " Please tell me how you responded to me when I asked about the surveillances on me when some idiot actually alleged I had threatened the President? There were more specifics in the letter I then wrote.

Please tell me what response you have made since the CIA referred to you a record of your origin, a record on me?

One record to which I made reference when I last wrote is clearly within many of my FOIA requests. If I had not taken the Secret Service's word to me you would have had a written request for it. It is the letter J. Edgar Hoover wrote James Rowley the day after the assassination about Oswald in Mexico.

I regret you find it necessary to write me false and self-serving letters. You may have grown immune to such considerations but I do suggest they leave a record that for the agency and for you personally are self-defamatory. I am not immune to emotion when a President is assassinated and officialdom is less than fully open and honest about it.

So such a situation cannot again come up I want you to know that I am making, if I have not already made, an FOIA request for anything and everything directly or indirectly relating to the JFK assassination and any investigation(s) of it regardless of form or origin or date.

I am also asking again for all records relating to that insane business of me threatening the President.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg